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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A switchable optical filter including a first thin-film optical bandpass filter portion;
and a second thin-film optical bandpass filter portion, wherein both the first and second thin-
film optical bandpass filter portions are adjacent to each other and form parts of single
5 integral structure, and wherein the first thin-film optical bandpass filter is thermally tunable
and is characterized by a passband that shifts as a function of temperature and wherein the
second thin-film optical bandpass filter is thermally non-tunable.